



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RODNEY E. GIBSON



Colonel Rodney E. Gibson is the vice commander of 13th Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Thirteenth Air Force is responsible for planning, executing and controlling aerospace operations throughout the Southwest Pacific and Indian Oceans in cooperation with allies and sister services. As vice commander, Colonel Gibson assists the commander; acts for the commander during the commander's absence; and manages activities in 13th Air Force in implementation of plans, decisions and policies of the commander. He also maintains readiness to meet contingency tasking as Air Force Forces Commander/Joint Forces Air Component Commander, and coordinates budget, personnel and civil engineer matters for 13th Air Force.

Colonel Gibson entered the Air Force in June 1974 after graduating from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in several operational flying assignments and varied staff positions. He has also commanded a support group, an air base wing and a sub-unified regional command.

Colonel Gibson is a command pilot with more than 2,500 flying hours.

EDUCATION:

- 1974 Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 1978 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1982 Master's degree in business administration, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.
- 1985 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 1995 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1974 - July 1975, student, undergraduate pilot training, Craig Air Force Base, Ala.
2. July 1975 - January 1976, student, B-52 combat crew training, Castle Air Force Base, Calif.
3. January 1976 - December 1979, co-pilot and aircraft commander, 416th Bombardment Wing, Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.
4. January 1980 - February 1981, ASTRA (Air Staff Training) officer, Studies and Analysis, Headquarters Air Force, Washington, D.C.
5. February 1981 - October 1981, student, FB-111 combat crew training, Plattsburg Air Force Base, N.Y.
6. October 1981 - July 1984, FB-111A aircraft commander, instructor pilot and evaluator pilot, 509th Bombardment Wing, Pease Air Force Base, N.H.
7. July 1984 - May 1985, student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8. May 1985 - May 1988, resource manager; later chief of plans and operations division, Colonels' Group, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
9. May 1988 - May 1990, FB-111A instructor pilot, flight commander; later operations officer, 393rd Bombardment Squadron, 509th Bombardment Wing, Pease Air Force Base, N.H.

10. May 1990 - May 1992, chief of advocacy and technology division; later executive officer in the deputy chief of staff for requirements and test, Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
11. May 1992 - July 1994, senior controller; later executive assistant to J3/J4 director, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
12. July 1994 - July 1995, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
13. July 1995 - August 1996, commander, 56th Support Group, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
14. August 1996 - March 1997, vice commander, 12th Flying Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas
15. March 1997-August 1999, joint, sub-unified commander, U.S. Forces Azores and commander, 65th Air Base Wing, Lajes Field, Azores.
16. August 1999 - present, vice commander, 13th Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Ranking: Command pilot
Flight hours: 2,800
Aircraft flown: T-1A, T-37, B-52G and FB-111A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Jun 5, 1974
First Lieutenant	Jun 5, 1976
Captain	Jun 5, 1978
Major	Oct 1, 1983
Lieutenant Colonel	Jun 1, 1988
Colonel	Dec 1, 1992

Current as of August 1999